

## **MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2014**

Debra from the Port Authority will be drawing the names for the home winterization program.

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:07pm. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL:**

***Present:*** Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Wolf, Ms. Brandy, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen

***Absent and Excused:*** Mrs. Moody

Mrs. George made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Wolf to excuse the absent members. All in favor *motion carried*.

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Joseph Roetting, City Manager Bill Kocher, Law Director Steve Wolf, Finance Director Jill Claire

### **MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting as printed was made by Mrs. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mt. Healthy police summary for November was made available.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Karen Arnett is asking for an update regarding the Main Theatre. Has heard there is something going on with it.

Right now the city is working with the Port Authority on a stabilization program. They identified and approved for the building to be stabilized. They have estimated it to cost \$40,000-\$50,000 to stabilize the building. They want to make it safe in case our fire or police department need to go into the building. The property will not be owned by the Port or City. There are tax liens and title issues with the property.

## **GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**

The mayor would like to present a "Key to the City" to David Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery is a student at Mt. Healthy High School, starting quarter back, punter, kicker, honor roll student, offensive player of the year, AP all national Ohio. He was recently awarded Eagle Scout. Very appreciative of all Mr. Montgomery's hard work.

David addressed council; from when he was younger his mom encouraged him to get into boy scouts. He was hesitant at first and didn't want to get made fun of. He started and realized it was fun. When he got into Boy Scouts he was learning lessons that he could use in everyday life. His Eagle Scout project was to help the homeless. He collected toiletries and his goal was to get 50-75 bags together – he actually collected 175 bags. These were distributed to the homeless. It was a great feeling to see how much a bag of toiletries can make such a difference in a person's life. It is just a small gesture. Would like to "Thank" council for having him here.

*A motion was made by Mr. Parsons to move into executive session regarding personnel and real estate and was seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion.*

*Council moved to executive session at 7:20pm.*

*Back to order at 7:40pm*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Business Partnership: Bob Parsons;** Attended the MHBA meeting last Monday.

- They will be having elections for a new Vice President and several board members.
- Mt. Healthy Alliance partnering up with Honey Baked Ham for Christmas. They will receive 15% of the proceeds if you order through Mt. Healthy Alliance. This was the same thing they did for Thanksgiving.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting**

December 7<sup>th</sup> Historical Society event was well attended.

December 4<sup>th</sup> The Ohio Military Band performed in the auditorium at Mt. Healthy Jr/Sr High School. It was a very good concert.

Would like to "Thank" council for their hard work this year. We didn't go into summer session instead kept a two meeting a month schedule.

Next it will be to turn our focus to the business area. We need to make this a stronger area. Try to attack the revenue issue from both ends.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher**

Just to put on record being on the same page with the numbers that were called tonight for the home winterization program with the Port Authority. 3, 25, 46, 57, 28, 119, 54, 65, 47, 109, 2, 111, 17, 19, 100, 50, 22, 68, 44, 9. These numbers will be turned over to the Port tomorrow and we will also notify these folks.

There is only limited restricted parking on Compton Road from Hamilton East on Compton. There is an area that few people park. The street department is wanting us to look at making it "No Parking" on Compton. Right now there is parking on both sides of the street. Maybe we should have our traffic engineer take a look at this area and can get a recommendation. A concern would be for on Sundays with the Chinese Church parking. This could create a mess in that area. Ms. Brandy would like to have a committee meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Regarding the Summe/Martin/Hoffner project. There was a bad batch of blacktop. This does happen and was identified right away. Not happy with the job. There was an area that has low spots and water is starting to sit. We will withhold about 40% of their total bid, which will give us time to get to spring and see if there are any other issues.

Sent an email out to CMHA to get an update on the Duval property

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire**

November month end reports are in the packets.

In the packet is the 2015 Annual Appropriations ordinance. There is also the 2014 housekeeping document that will be presented to have passed.

## **ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 14-1728:** A second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Inc. representing police department clerks. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Parsons.

**Ordinance 14-1729:** A second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an addendum to the cooperation agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mrs. Lingo.

**Ordinance 14-1731:** A first reading of an ordinance for 2015 Annual Appropriations. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

**Ordinance 14-1732:** A first reading of an ordinance to set compensation for certain appointed officials and part-time employees of the City of Mt. Healthy. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance with a change was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

**Ordinance 14-1733:** A first reading of an ordinance to set compensation for the Fire Department employees of the City of Mt. Healthy for the year 2015 and thereafter. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

**Ordinance 14-1734:** A first reading of an ordinance to set compensation for certain full time employees of the City of Mt. Healthy. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Petersen. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

**Ordinance 14-1735:** A first reading of an ordinance to set compensation for certain part-time and seasonal employees of the City of Mt. Healthy. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

**Ordinance 14-1736:** A first reading of an ordinance amending the 2014 appropriations, and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Parsons would like to update on House Bill 5. We talked about this awhile back. There is only a few items that will impact the City. Net operating losses will be carried 5 years instead of 3. Penalties and Interest will be the same throughout the state. If you come into the city and work 12 days or less you do not owe taxes will be changed to 20 days or less. If you owe \$200 or less you have no estimates.

This will be a good time to look at our tax ordinance and to make sure we have this language in there.

Mayor would like to put an awareness alert to watch for kids walking where there are no sidewalks going east on Compton right outside of Mt. Healthy. It's dark out now in the mornings and have seen kids walking to school and it's hard to see them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kocher would like to announce the City has a new Police Chief, Vince Demassi. He will begin on January 5, 2015. He will be at the January 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting to be sworn in.

There was a JEDZ meeting. Approved the minutes of the last meeting. There will be another meeting next quarter.

There was also JEDD meeting. The township will need to add a member. There will be another meeting next quarter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Brandy. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council